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SUBJ: HEALTH OF CHONG IL-HYONG

- 1. ACCORDING TO OPPOSITION NDP SOURCES ON FEBRUARY 27, DR CHONG IL-HYONG RECENTLY SUFFERED SOME SORT OF STROKE OR ATTACK, RESULTING IN PARTIAL PARALYSIS OF HIS FACE AND AN INABILITY TO SPEAK. SOME WHO HAVE VISITED HIM AT HIS HOME, WHERE HE IS RESTING, SAY THAT HE IS ALERT AND CAN UNDERSTAND WHAT OTHERS TELL HIM.
- 2. CHONG (HIS SPELLING: CHYUNG YIL HYUNG), 74, WAS THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY UNTIL LOSING HIS EAT IN 1977 WHEN THE ROK SUPREME COURT CONFIRMED HIS GUILT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE 1976 MYONGDONG AFFAIR.
- 3. DOCTORS REPORTEDLY HAVE TOLD FAMILY THAT CHONG'S HEALTH SHOULD IMPROVE AND THAT HE MAY REGAIN SPEECH. IF CHONG DOES NOT REGAIN HEALTH, HIS ABSENCE FROM DISSIDENT ACTIVITIES WILL BE FELT, FOR HE HAD STATURE AMONG LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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